

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

41-1826

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 18, 1981

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I herewith veto House Bill 1851 for the following reasons:

This bill proposes to grant to the Arroyo Colorado Navigation District extensive powers to assist private ventures in many areas, as well as changing the name of the District. These same types of powers have been considered before and have not passed the legislature.

In the 66th Session, Senate Bill 401 died in the House. That bill would have extended the same authority to all navigation districts which is contained in Section 2 of House Bill 1851. In the 67th Session, Senate Bill 21 and House Bill 291 would have given the same authority to the Brownsville Navigation District. Both bills died in their respective Houses.

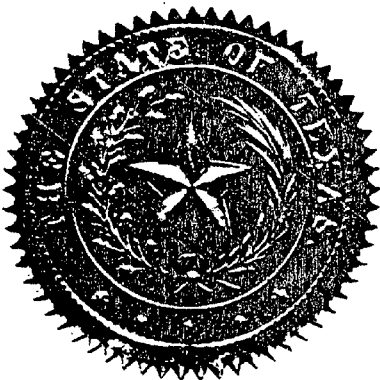
Also, Senate Bill 760 and House Bill 874 of the 67th Session would have granted the same authority to the Nueces County Navigation District No. 1, and both died.

House Bill 1851, however, passed on the local and uncontested calendar, and from the caption it appears to be only a name change from the Arroyo Colorado Navigation District to the Port of Harlingen Authority. This is easy to understand when some 628 bills passed in the last ten days of the session. Bills on the local and uncontested calendar receive about 15 seconds consideration each. Yet, this same matter when not on a local calendar fails.

Since similar legislation failed to pass the 66th and 67th Legislatures, I must conclude that this bill did not receive proper consideration in light of its greatly expanded power, and therefore, I veto House Bill 1851.

Respectfully,

  
William P. Clements, Jr.  
Governor



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